(a) whether instances of Punjab terrorists fleeing Punjab and making their bases in Maharashtra have come to the notice of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the districts of Maharashtra where the terrorists have made their bases; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Such instances have come to notice.

(b) Mainly, the districts affected are Bombay, Nasik, Dhule, Nagpur and Wardha.

(c) Law and order is a State subject. However, the available intelligence inputs have been provided to the State Government from the Centre from time to time. Whatever assistance is possible will also be provided to the State.

Potato Research Station at Hassan, Karnataka

2629. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for opening of a Potato Research Station at Hassan in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) No final decision on the representation has been taken.

New Petrol/Diesel Bunks on National Highways

2630. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria followed by the Government for creating new petrol/diesel bunks on national highways;

(b) whether the Government are aware that motor vehicle owners are facing problems due to non-availability of ertol/didesel bunks on national highways;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation for creating a new filling station on national highway at Ramayampet and Toopran of Medak District, Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) the details of new filling stations sanctioned by the Government in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Separate Volume-Distance norms for combined MS/HSD and Lone HSD retail outlets are laid down for opening such outlets on national highways.

(b) to (d). Representations are received from time to time for opening of retail outlets at different locations in the country including those in Andhra Pradesh. The oil companies on the basis of the market survey, economic viability and product availability, include such places in their Marketing Plan.

(e)	*Year*	*ROs*
	1988-89	19
	1989-90	21
	1990-91	09